

**Advancing Agricultural Education – HB 464**

**2011-13 Biennium**

**Needs for Agriculture Education**

1. **Online record book system for all programs**
  - a. A new system is available which will enhance the business skills of all students.
  - b. All student information is linked together for state use including:
    - i. Career Pathways
    - ii. Student data
    - iii. Earnings from SAE's
    - iv. Degree and Proficiency applications
  - c. **COST - \$10,800/year = \$21,600**
2. **Mentoring program for new teachers**
  - a. A successful program already in Montana AgEd.
  - b. With our new programs and teachers it is critical to continue this program.
  - c. **COST - \$2,000/year = \$4,000 (from Administrative budget)**
3. **District Leadership Schools (DLS)**
  - a. Each September a leadership school is conducted in each of the eight FFA Districts.
  - b. 95% of all AgEd/FFA programs attend these programs with the state FFA officers conduction workshops for FFA members and the state FFA advisor conducting a program for the teachers.
  - c. As the state officers travel to each District, they also stop at as many schools along the way as they can.
  - d. The HB464 administrative budget could be used to pay for the DLS program.
  - e. **COST - \$4,000/year = \$8,000 (from Administrative budget)**
4. **National Quality Program Standards Evaluation & Improvement Plan**
  - a. **COST – Evaluation - \$500/school x 82 schools = \$41,000**
  - b. **COST – Improvement Pan - \$1,000 x 82 schools - \$82,000**
5. **New Program Development funds**
  - a. **COST – 5 new programs/year x \$5,000 = \$25,000 = \$50,000**
6. **Promising Practices – a grant program for AgEd Dept's to reward the outstanding and innovative projects in each of the NQPS Standard areas.**
  - a. **COST - \$4,150 (2011-12); \$2,750 (2012-13)**
  - b. Funding for this program will depend on the utilization of the other parts of the budget.
7. **TOTAL BUDGET - \$224,000 (\$92,200 in 2011-12; \$131,800 in 2012-13)**